

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 20th September 2020

Preparation

- If possible arrange candles, a Crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we are reminded that God is generous and kind and that He treats us all with love.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”.

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,

Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew”.

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God’s word, speak God’s word and keep God’s word in our hearts) **as we say together “Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Matthew 20:1-16

<https://cafod.org.uk>Education.Children'sLiturgy>

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **“The Gospel of the Lord”**.

All reply: **“Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

Can you remember what happened in the Gospel today?

Jesus told a story about a landowner who hires workmen at different times throughout the day promising to pay them a fair wage.

What happened at the end of the day?

The landowner paid the workmen their wages starting with the last to be hired- those who had worked for only one hour. He paid all of his workers the same amount.

How did the workers who had worked all day feel about this and why?

They took their wage, which was exactly what they had agreed to work for at the beginning of the day, but they were unhappy that the other workers who had worked fewer hours – even those who only worked for one hour – were given exactly the same wage!

What do you think about this? Do you think it is fair?

Discuss with the children who they think the landowner in the story is supposed to be? Let them see that the landowner is supposed to be God and that God is generous and treats everyone well.

The landowner paid exactly what was agreed to the first workers, but treated the other workers with generosity and paid them the same amount.

What do you think that Jesus is teaching us by telling this story?

Jesus is teaching us that God's way of treating people fairly, is not the way of the world. God treats everyone fairly and provides for all our needs.

Can you think of things that are not fair in the world?

There are people who take more than they need and leave others with nothing or very little. Is that fair? Is that what God wants?

There are people who have no food, no money, no home, no work....

There are people who take /keep more than their fair share of all these things. This is not fair and we should not take more than we need.

We need to look after each other both here and all over the world and we need to look after the world we live in.

We should not waste food, or waste water by leaving the tap running, or waste energy (leaving the lights on when not needed), or drop litter ...

Like the landowner in the Gospel we should be kind and generous and share what we have with others especially if they don't have what they need.

What can you do this week to make to make the world a fairer place?

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Lord Jesus,

Help us always to show Your generosity and kindness to others, by caring for each other and sharing what we have.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Lord Jesus,

Help us to care for our earthly home and not waste any of the good things you have entrusted to us, so that there is always enough food and shelter for everyone.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to always show Your love to others. May we always be generous, kind and caring especially to those who are in need.

Amen